

It's Your Glory: The Big Queens of Carnival

Purpose

Students traveled to New Orleans to create a moving documentary that captures the artistry and resilience of New Orleans' Mardi Gras Indian tribes, fighting to preserve a 150-year-old neighborhood parading tradition. This documentary gives voice to the powerful women who provide crucial support for a community tradition best known for its Big Chiefs. Like the chiefs, they design and sew their suits by hand each year, and they provide crucial support to the chiefs and the community.

Impact

The documentary captures the artistic genius, stamina and resourcefulness of the chief and queens of New Orleans and the power of this tradition to create bonds in a community threatened by poverty, racism and marginalization.

The PBS affiliate in New Orleans aired the documentary during Mardi Gras and plans to show it every year.

Students gained insight into a unique culture, developed greater cultural competency, learned filmmaking techniques, received awards for their research and presented at local and national conferences.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

Newark Campus
African-American & African Studies
College of Arts and Sciences

Community Partners Involved

The Mardi Gras Indian Council
The Queens of the Nation
Michael Yearling, Yearling
Productions



How you can get involved:

- Donate to the Mardi Gras Indian Council and the Queens of the Nation
- Screen film for classes

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